

Overview of results from North delta hydrodynamic and salmon outmigration studies

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Research focus:

**Developing management tools through
Process level (mechanistic) understanding**

**Interaction between
Salmon outmigrant behavior
and
hydrodynamic processes**

Focus on management tools

(1) North Delta residual flow model

(2) North Delta salmon survival model

**(3) Individual-based 3D model of
salmon outmigration**

Outline

Conceptual framework

(1) Entrainment in junctions

(2) Channel survival

(Jon)

North Delta residual flows

Methodology, digital filter response

(Jon)

North Delta salmon survival model

(Jon, Aaron)

Outline (con't)

Review of Georgiana Slough Pilot study (Jon)

Study activities, conditions

Results from hydroacoustics (Aaron)

Hydroacoustic results

Acoustic tag results

3D particle tracking experiments (Aaron)

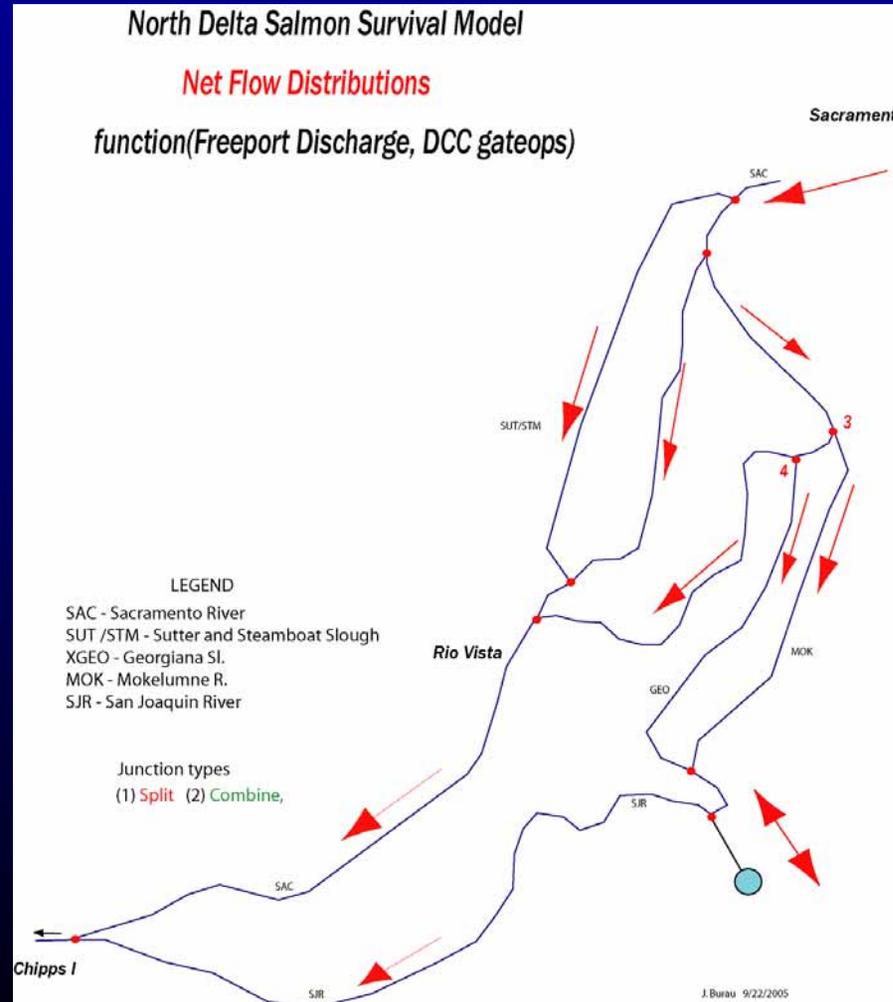
**Junction entrainment as a function of
the interaction between secondary circulation and behavior**

Conclusions and Future studies (Jon)

Building salmon survival model

(Step 1)

Net flows in North Delta channels

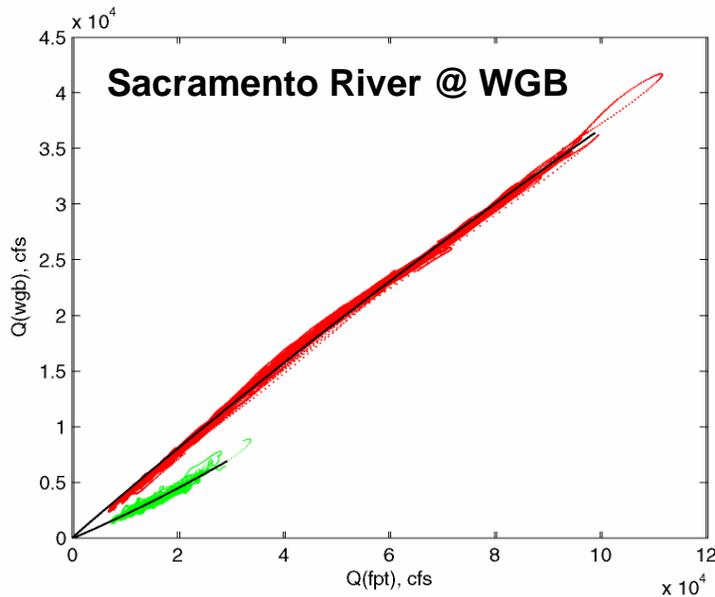


North Delta Discharge Relations

(based on ~11 years of data)

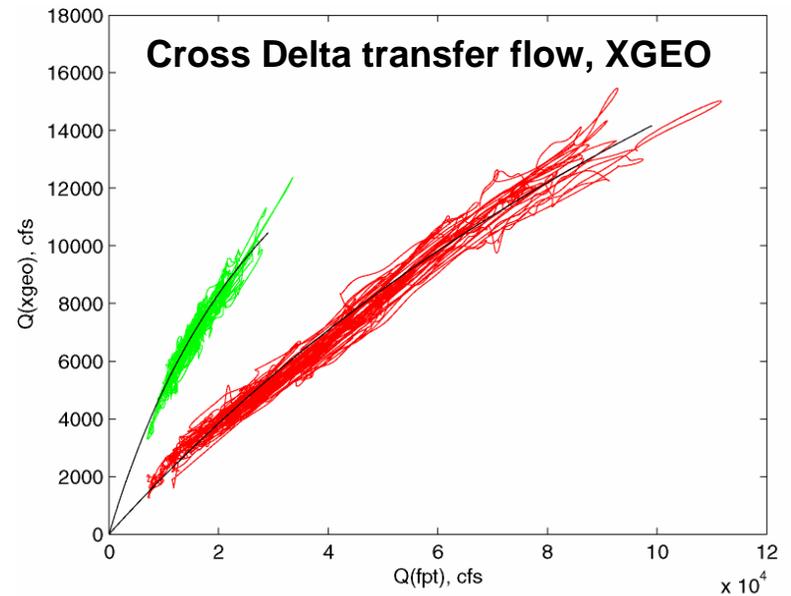
$$Q_i^o = \frac{1}{a_i^o + b_i^o / Q_{fpt}}$$

$$Q_i^c = \frac{1}{a_i^c + b_i^c / Q_{fpt}}$$



DCC Closed
 Number of data points = 41347
 Squared correlation coefficient = 0.99763
 $y^{-1} = 2.84336e-6 + 2.43811/x$
 RMS error of prediction = 426.6098

DCC Open
 Number of data points = 37874
 Squared correlation coefficient = 0.92482
 $y^{-1} = -2.31471xe-5 + 4.86944/x$
 RMS error of prediction = 294.58396



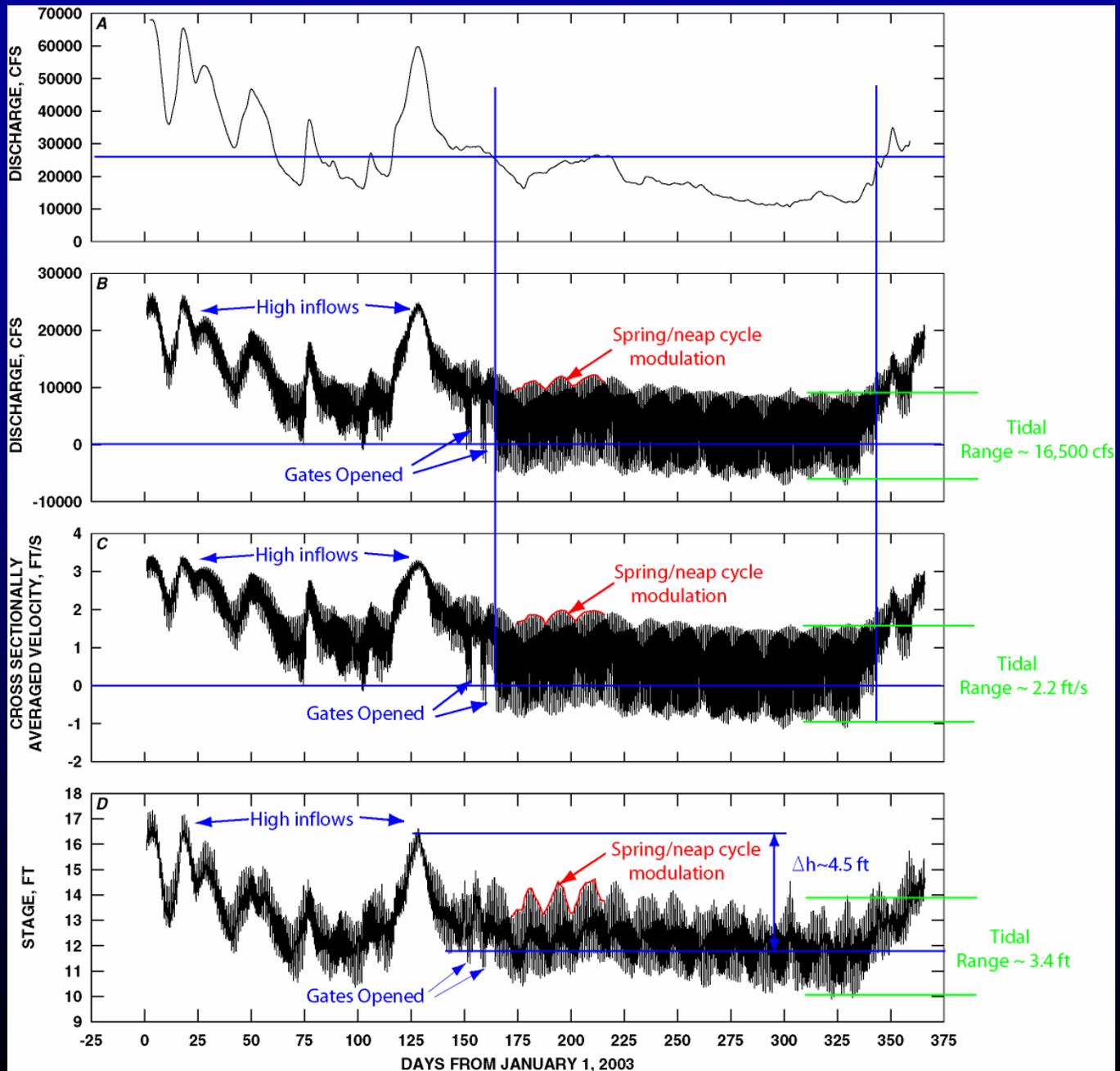
DCC Closed
 Number of data points = 34332
 Squared correlation coefficient = 0.980995
 $y^{-1} = 2.263736xe-5 + 4.7498/x$
 RMS error of prediction = 450.28245

DCC Open
 Number of data points = 37592
 Squared correlation coefficient = 0.9333
 $y^{-1} = 4.1552xe-5 + 1.570164/x$
 RMS error of prediction = 353.586

Flow Model - demo



Raw Data – Sacramento River below Walnut Grove

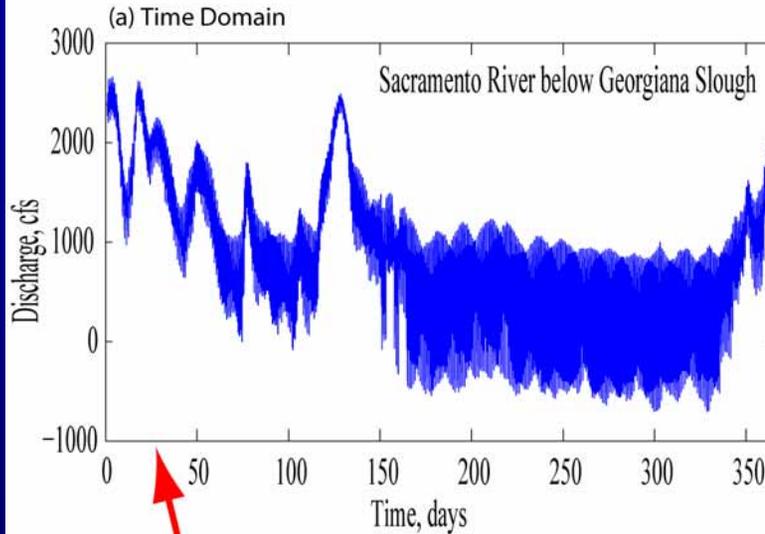


Transform time series into the frequency domain

FREQUENCY DOMAIN

An alternate representation of data

Data from Sacramento River below Georgiana Slough



Convolution

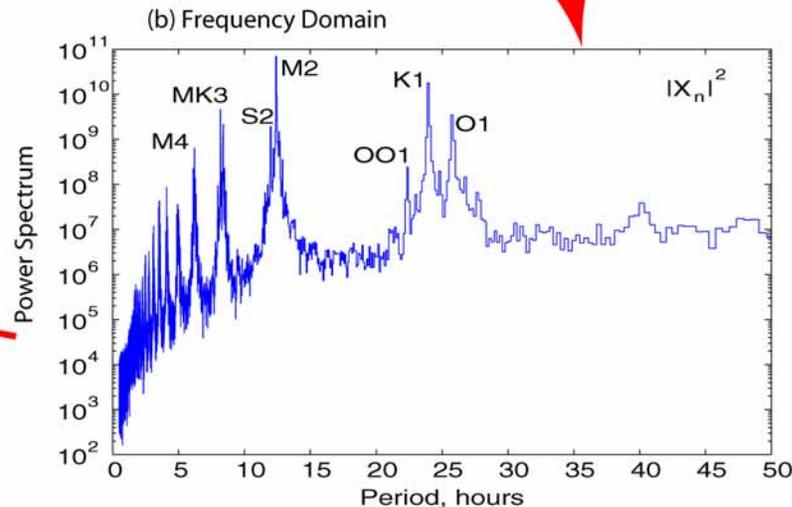
$$q_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} X_n e^{-2\pi i k n / N}$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

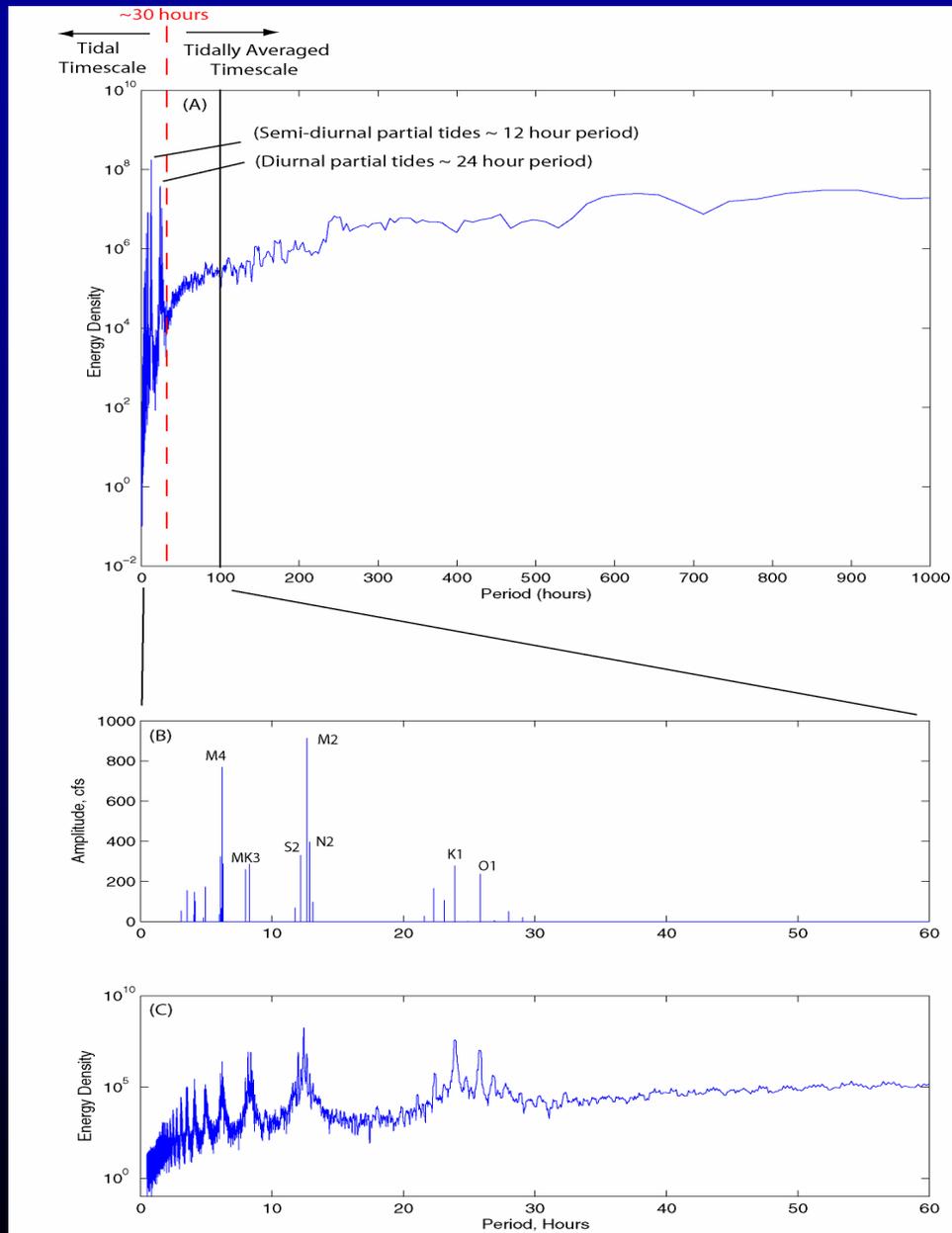
Fourier Transform

$$X_n = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} q_k e^{2\pi i k n / N}$$

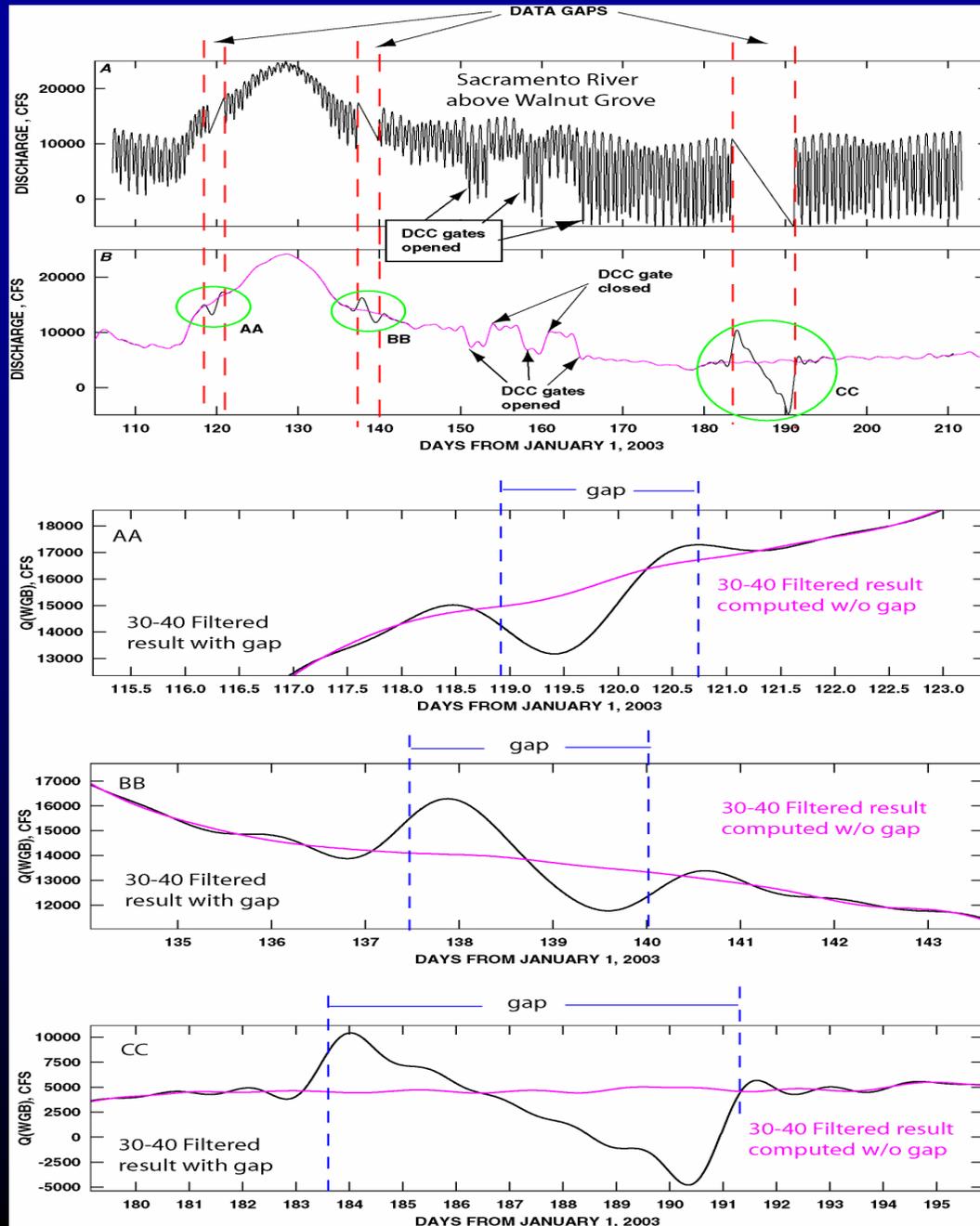
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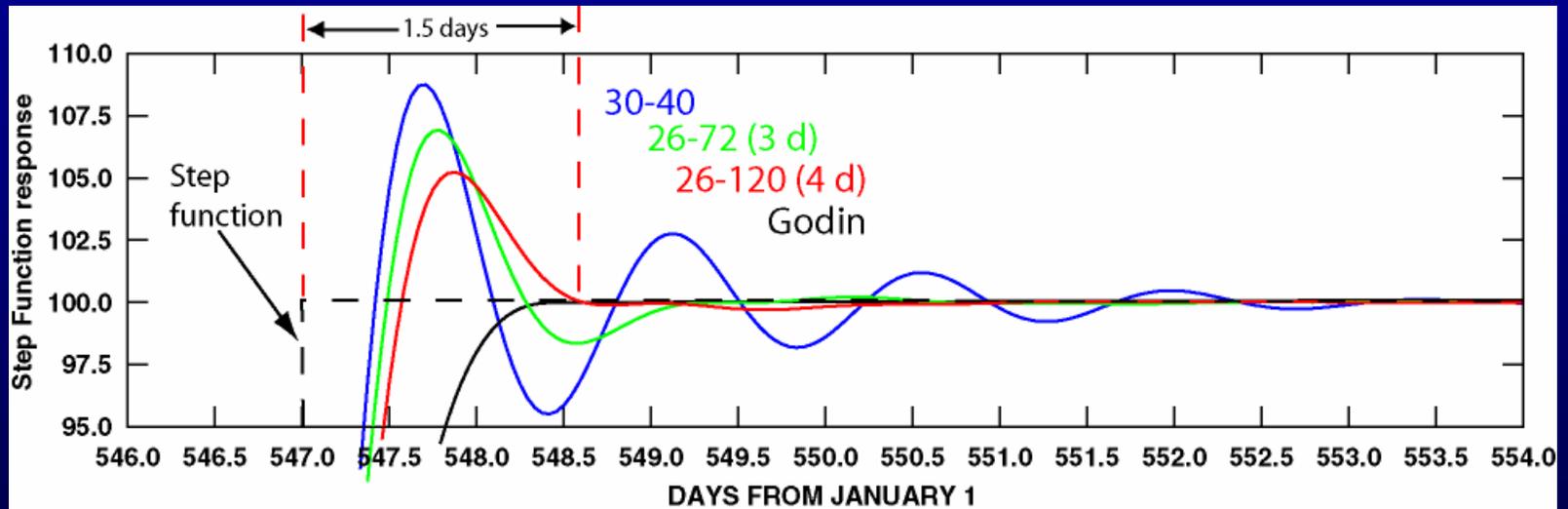
Power Spectral Density @ Station WGB



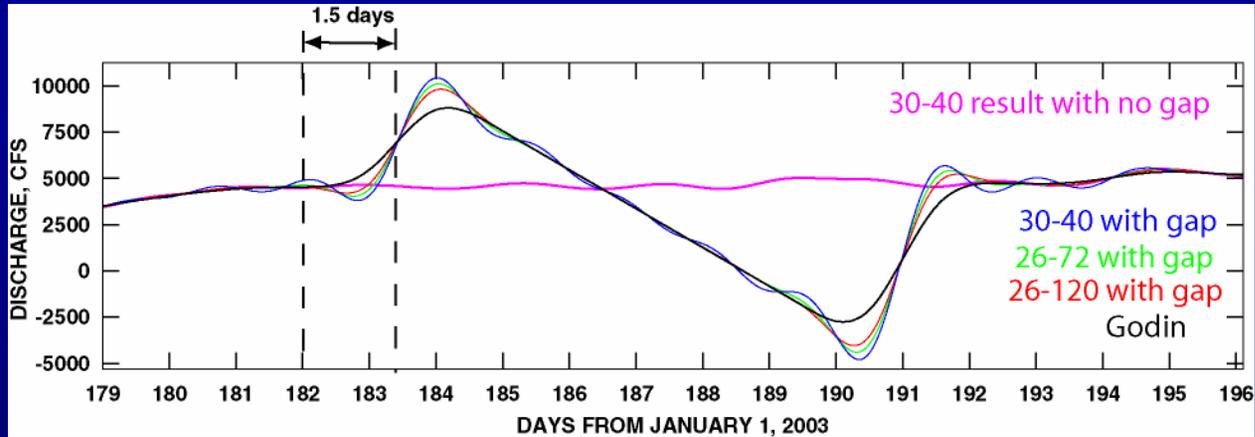
Problem: all tidal filters ring near step function changes



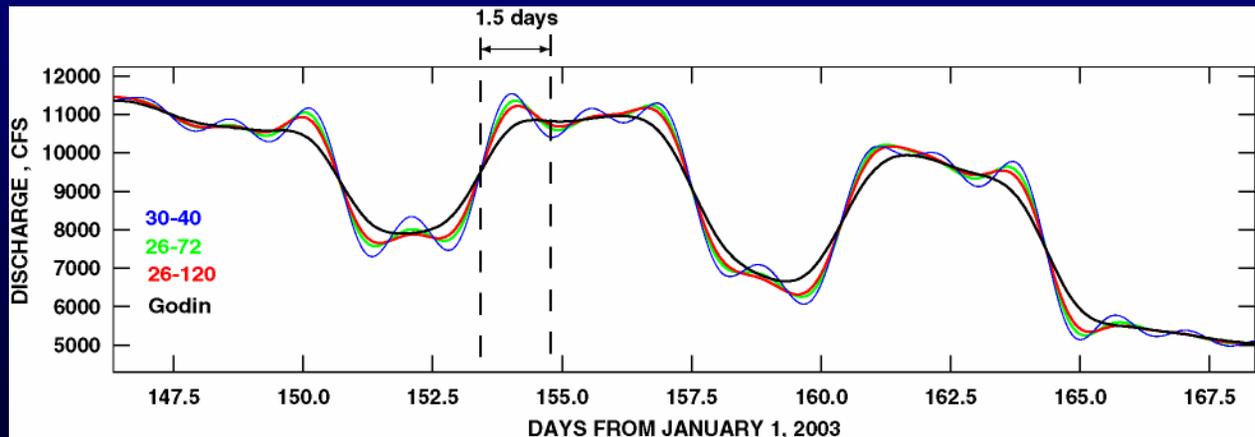
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Solution: Use Godin filter – remove 1.5 days



Gap response



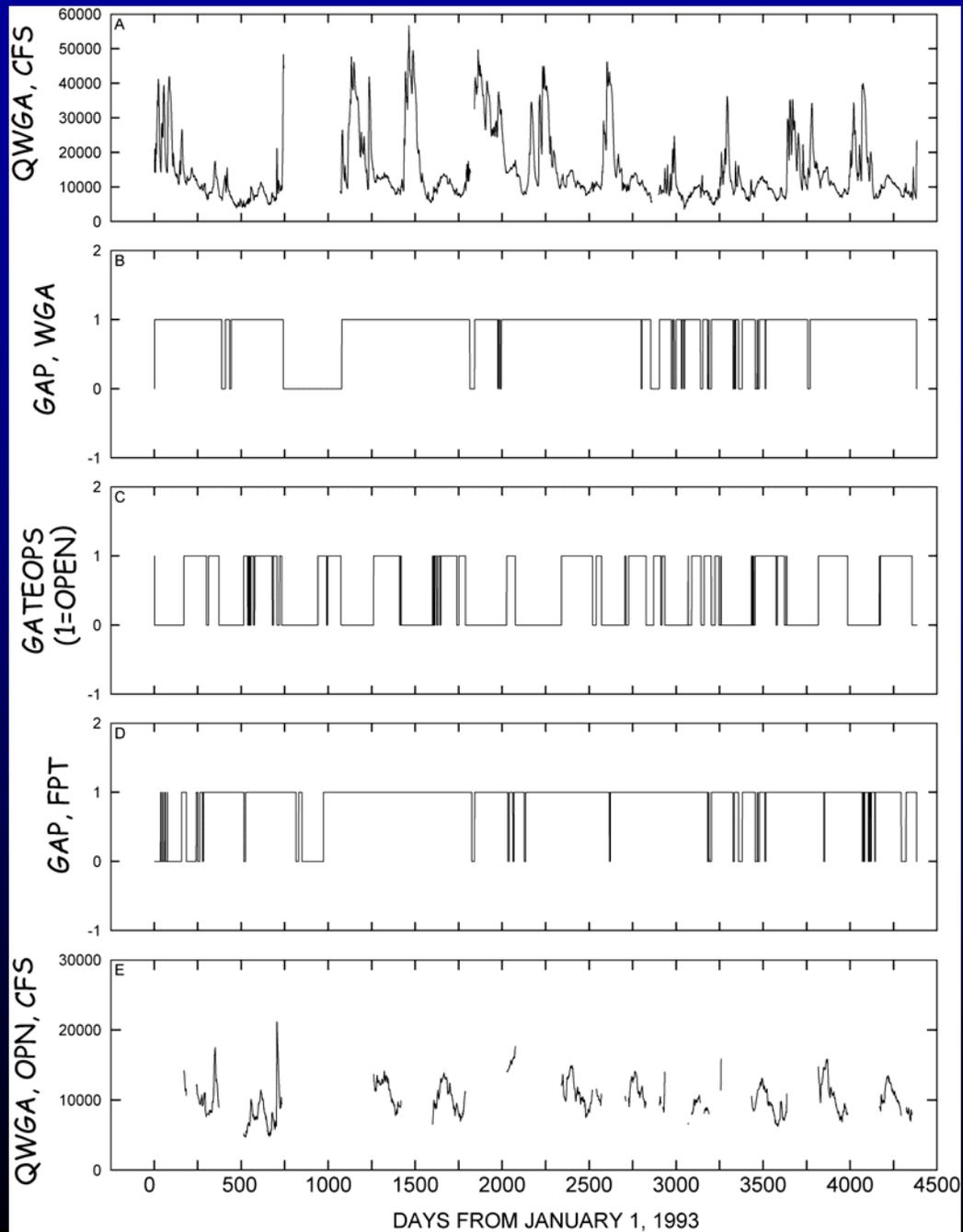
DCC gateop
response

So how do we remove filter roll-off associated with data gaps and DCC gateops from data sets?

Use masks

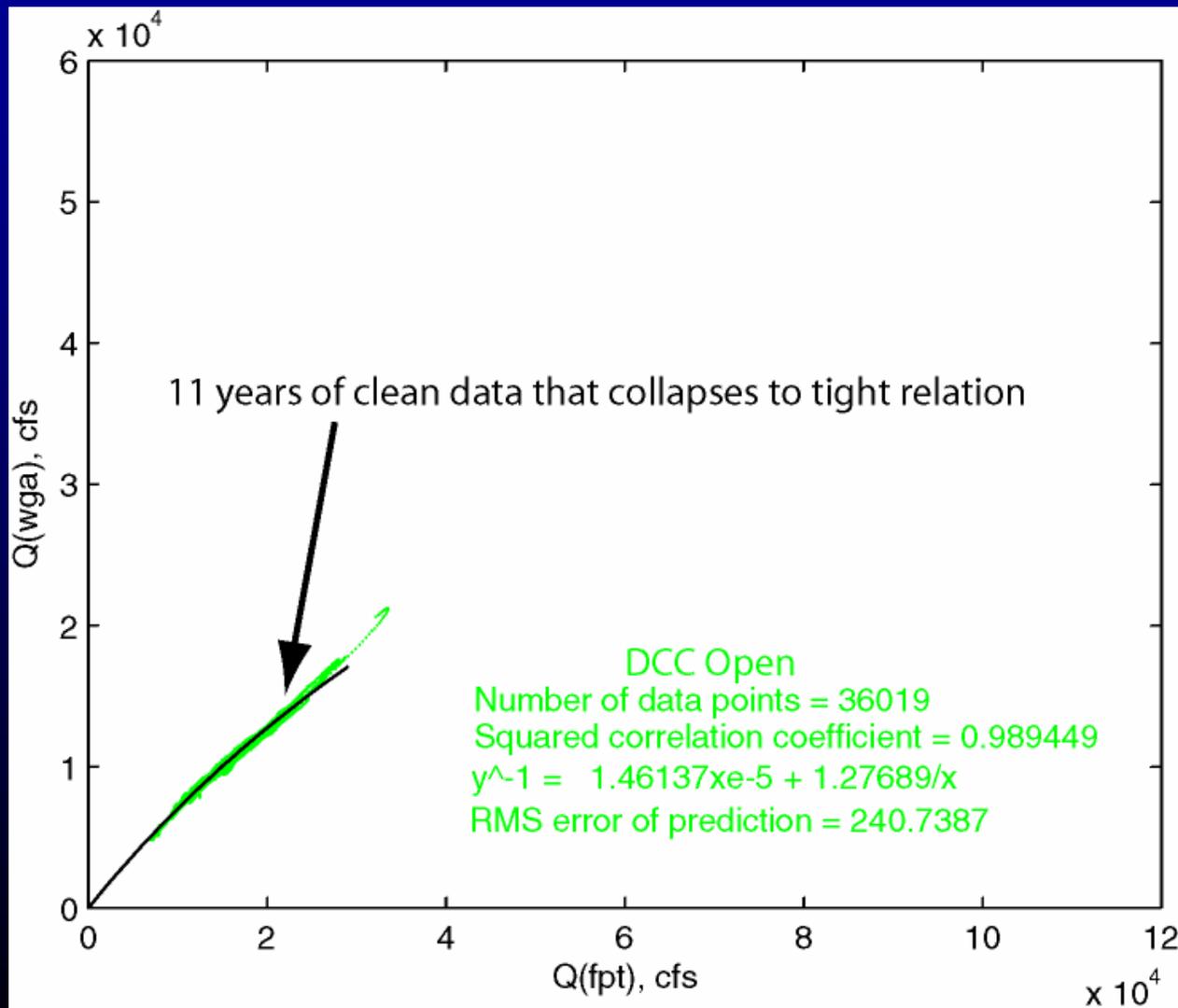
$$Q_{wga}^{open}(t) = M_{DCC\ gates}^{open}(t) M_{fpt}^{gap}(t) M_{wga}^{open}(t) Q_{wga}(t)$$

Use of masks



End result of attention to detail

Clean, scientifically defensible, highly correlated relations



Filter ringing

Implication for DCC gate operations

**A 24-hr tidal-timescale experiment
will require a 4-day closure to resolve the
effects on the net flows**

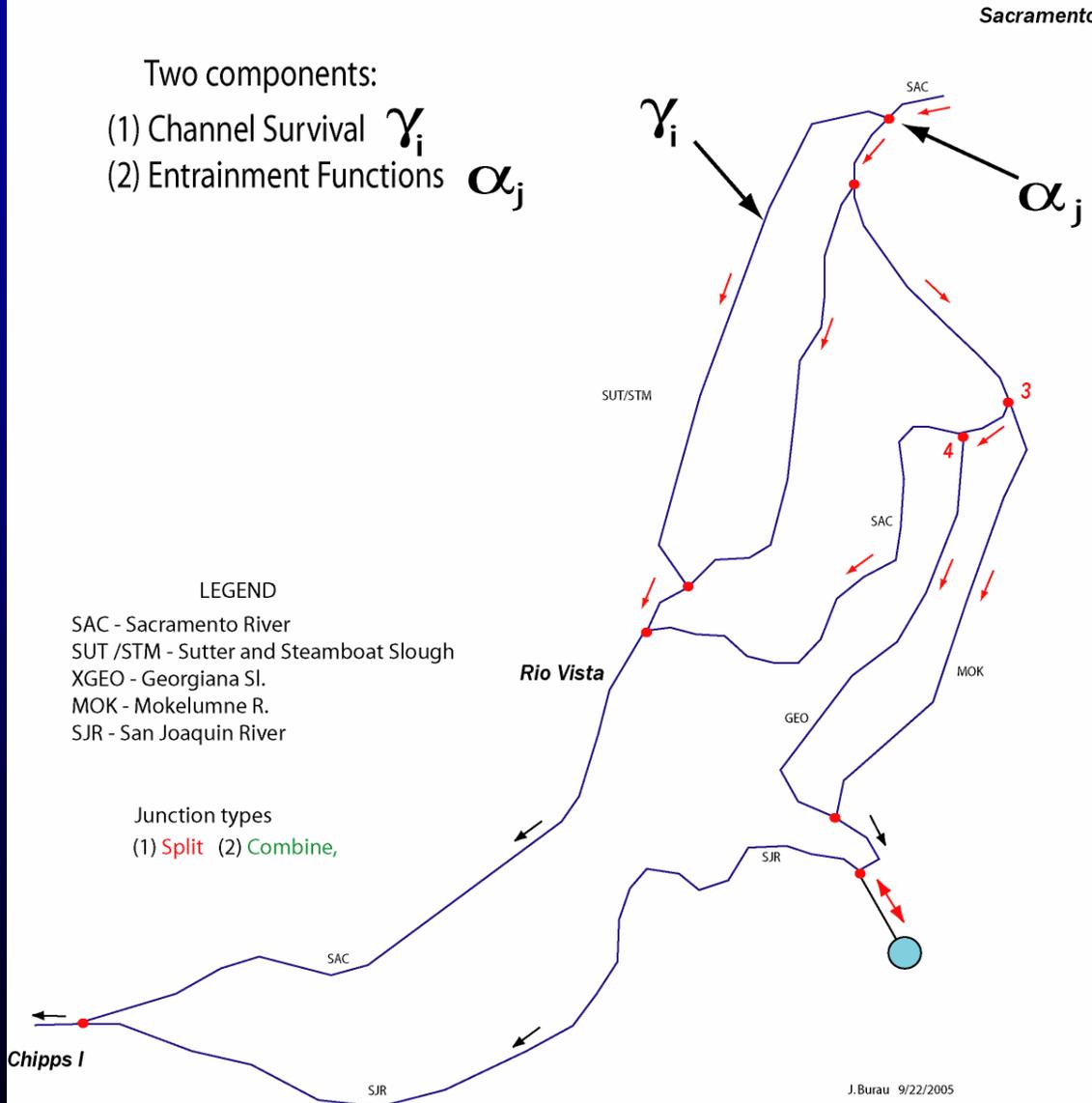
Conceptual Framework

North Delta Salmon Survival Model

Two components:

- (1) Channel Survival γ_i
- (2) Entrainment Functions α_j

γ - Jon



Survival Rates

Based on exposure time

$$\gamma_i = c_0 - c_1 \frac{\Delta t}{T_{\max}}$$

Travel time

$$\Delta t_i = L_i / v_i$$

Velocity estimate

$$v_i = \frac{Q_i}{A_i}$$

Mortality Rate

$$\beta_i = 1 - \gamma_i$$



Building salmon survival model

(Step 2)

Entrainment Functions

Entrainment function

Based on Ratio of the discharges

$\varepsilon = 0$ Fish go with the flow

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon \geq 0 \\ \varepsilon < 0 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_k = \frac{Q_{j_{k,1}}}{Q_{j_{k,0}}} + \left(1 - \frac{Q_{j_{k,1}}}{Q_{j_{k,0}}}\right) * \varepsilon \\ \alpha_k = \frac{Q_{j_{k,1}}}{Q_{j_{k,0}}} * (1 - \text{abs}(\varepsilon)) \end{array} \right.$$

Big Question:

$$\varepsilon = f(\text{??????})$$

Accounting

Keeping track of where fish go and where they die

(1) Split junction, k

$$N_{j_{k,1},1} = \alpha_{j_{k,1}} N_{j_{k,0},2} \quad N_{j_{k,1},2} = \gamma_{j_{k,1}} N_{j_{k,1},1} \quad M_{j_{k,1}} = \beta_{j_{k,1}} N_{j_{k,1},1}$$

$$N_{j_{k,2},1} = (1 - \alpha_{j_{k,1}}) N_{j_{k,0},2} \quad N_{j_{k,2},2} = \gamma_{j_{k,2}} N_{j_{k,2},1} \quad M_{j_{k,2}} = \beta_{j_{k,2}} N_{j_{k,2},1}$$

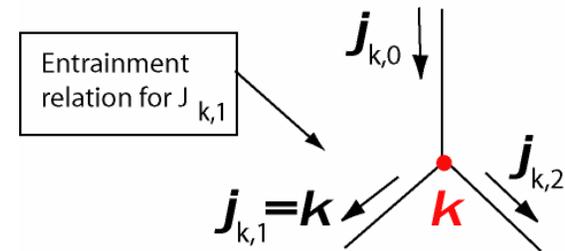
$$N_{j_{k,0},1} = N_{j_{k,1},2} + N_{j_{k,2},2} \quad N_{j_{k,0},2} = \gamma_{j_{k,0}} N_{j_{k,0},1} \quad M_{j_{k,0}} = \beta_{j_{k,0}} N_{j_{k,0},1}$$

(2) Combine junction, k

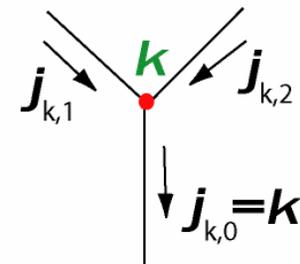
Used Finite element-based number scheme – don't have to change code to change geometry

Junction Numbering

(1) Split



(2) Combine



Accounting code - simplicity

```
c-----  
      subroutine distribute  
c-----  
c  
      do jx = 1,jmx  
        k = jord(jx)  
        if(jtype(k).eq.1) then  
c.....Split junction  
          N(j(k,1),1) = a(j(k,1))*N(j(k,0),2)  
          N(j(k,1),2) = g(j(k,1))*N(j(k,1),1)  
          M(j(k,1)) = b(j(k,1))*N(j(k,1),1)  
c  
          N(j(k,2),1) = (1.-a(j(k,1)))*N(j(k,0),2)  
          N(j(k,2),2) = g(j(k,2))*N(j(k,2),1)  
          M(j(k,2)) = b(j(k,2))*N(j(k,2),1)  
c  
          else  
c.....Combine junction  
          N(j(k,0),1) = N(j(k,1),2) + N(j(k,2),2)  
          N(j(k,0),2) = g(j(k,0))*N(j(k,0),1)  
          M(j(k,0)) = b(j(k,0))*N(j(k,0),1)  
          end if  
        end do  
c  
      return  
      end  
c
```

Fish Model - demo



